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SUBJ: ROMANIAN/SOVIET ECONOMIC NEGOTIATIONS: CEMA PLAN
COORDINATION

1. OFFICER OF ROMANIAN EMBASSY MOSCOW CONCERNED
WITH SOVIET-ROMANIAN ECONOMIC RELATIONS AND ALSO
ROMANIAN RELATIONS WITH CEMA TOLD EMBOFF
JANUARY 7 THAT CEMA-DIRECTED PROJECT FOR COORDINATION
OF 1976-80 NATIONAL ECONOMIC PLANS OF MEMBER COUNTRIES
IS PROCEEDING ON SCHEDULE. TIMETABLE NOW CALLS FOR
CONCLUSION OF BILATERAL PROTOCOLS BETWEEN COUNTRIES
BY JUNE OF THIS YEAR, WITH FINAL AGREEMENTS TO BE
SIGNED DURING FALL, PROBABLY SEPTEMBER OR OCTOBER.
OFFICER AGREED THAT MUCH WORK REMAINS TO BE DONE AND
THAT PRESSURE IS NOW ON TO WIND UP REMAINING DETAILS.

2. ROMANIAN OFFICER ALSO COMMENTED THAT SOVIET
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DELEGATION IS NOW IN BUCHAREST TO NEGOTIATE 1975

SOVIET-ROMANIAN BILATERAL TRADE AGREEMENT. NOGOTIATIONS
ARE EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED BY END OF THIS WEEK.
HE EXPECTS THAT AGREEMENT WILL CALL FOR A MODEST IN-
CREASE IN TRADE DURING 1975, PERPHAPS BY ABOUT FIVE
OR SIX PERCENT.

3. ASKED ABOUT A REPORT WHICH HAS BEEN CIRCULATING
HERE THAT ROMANIA WILL BEGIN IMPORTING CRUDE FROM
USSR DURING NEXT FIVE-YEAR PLAN PERIOD, OFFICER SAID
THAT THIS IS COMPLETEDLY INCORRECT. ROMANIA
WILL CONTINUE TO IMPORT SMALL AMOUNT OF REFINED PRODUCTS
FROM USSR BUT NO CRUDE. HE SAID THAT AS FAR AS
ROMANIAN EMBASSY MOSCOW IS AWARE, FORMULA FOR PRICING
SOVIET CRUDE DELIVERIES TO EE CEMA COUNTRIES DURING
1976-80 PERIOD HAS STILL NOT BEEN FIXED.
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